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BATA SHOE FACTORY AND EXICO TRADING COMPANY AT ZLIN (FORMERLY ZLIN).
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This document is a report on the Bata enterprise and its sales outlet, Exico.

The Comintern has ordered Bata to surrender its manufacturing secrets to the Poles, who are very anxious to manufacture shoes and tires.

Shoes are no longer sold by Exico in Zlin, but by Contratex in Prague. Exico has been liquidated completely and five other export monopolies in Prague have assumed its functions. Light industry seems to be moved out of Czechoslovakia, to be replaced by heavy industry.

Shoes will be produced in Poland where Bata had its own plant, even before the war, at Chelmek. [redacted] this plant in July 1945, after the Germans had dismantled it.

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[] Immediately after the war, the management of Bata began the construction of a new machine tool factory at Kvittovice, six kilometers from Zlin, between Zlin and Otrokovice. According to latest reports, this plant is being built for the manufacture of machines. There is a surplus of buildings at Zlin and it will be used for warehousing. A new railroad line is being laid between Otrokovice, Zlin, and Puchov in Slovakia. [Articles such as rubber conveyor belts, cushions for tanks, hard rubber wheels, etc may be manufactured easily at Vanejedla, 16 kilometers from Zlin.] The manufacture of tires may be transferred to Puchov, where buildings have been erected for this purpose. If the tire industry is moved out of Czechoslovakia, it can be moved only to the German Democratic Republic, where synthetic rubber is being produced at Schkopau, or to Hungary.

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